CALIFORNIA WILDLAND FIRE COORDINATING GROUP



California Wildland Fire Safety Officers Committee

Mission Statement:

The California Wildland Fire Safety Officers Committee (SOF) is established to provide an interagency approach to wildland fire safety awareness primarily for incidents with in the Northern and Southern California Geographical Area.

Membership:

The CA SOF Committee will be composed of the lead fire manager or his/her designee from each of the following agencies:

Forest Service – Pacific Southwest Region National Park Service – Pacific West Region Bureau of Land Management – California State Office Bureau of Indian Affairs – Western Region Fish and Wildlife Service – Pacific Southwest Region California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection California Emergency Management Agency

Agency representatives will be responsible to ensure that respective agency policy and procedures are maintained and agency administrators are informed. The members will coordinate recommendations for agency acceptance and implementation. Liaisons and subject matter experts will be included in meetings and conference planning on an as needed basis.

Purpose:

Host and organize an annual Wildland Fire Safety Officers Workshop within California.

- Workshop will provide a forum for the exchange of ideas lessons learned and the development of consistent implementation of Wildland fire safety policy and guidance.
- Establish and maintain an interagency approach to wildland fire safety programs through: development of a full interagency association; and facilitation of a high degree of professionalism, trust and mutual assistance among wildland fire management agencies.

Leadership:

The SOF Committee will elect a Chairperson for one year term. A Vice Chairperson position is optional.

The Chairperson is responsible for calling meetings or conference calls, setting the agenda, facilitating the meeting, documentation and distribution of decisions and action items. The term of position is one year on a calendar year basis (May 1 to May 1).

Task Groups:

The CA SOFs will task out assignments to specific individuals and members associated with implementation of the workshop. This includes but is not limited to: registration process, agenda development, duplication, hotel coordination, audio visuals support and acquisition etc.

Chair, California Wildfire Coordinating Group

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